

National Board Update

Time is running out! Only 6 more weeks!

AIRLIFT!

For the first time in several years, the Air Force is able to provide airlift for more of our members to attend the Annual Conference. Currently there are 7 pick-up points. Go to:

<http://www.capnhq.gov/conference/pages/nb/nationalboard.html>

There **MUST BE** at least 20 people at each location for the plane to stop. **PLUS** there is the possibility of more locations being added if our members indicate a desire to have airlift. We need your help! Pass the word on to the members in your wing today and we will pass the word on to the Air Force! We have the potential to make this the best-attended Annual Conference in CAP history as we celebrate a Century of Flight.

OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS!

Banquet Keynote Speaker: Captain Kim Campbell, USAF ... better known as "killer chick" during the Iraqi War. Former CAP cadet, Capt Campbell drew heavy enemy fire in her Thunderbolt A-10 over the skies of Iraq. After losing all her hydraulics and with a plane that was almost uncontrollable, Capt Campbell was faced with two options: Eject or attempt an almost impossible feat of trying to land her plane. With a can-do attitude that she says was developed during her CAP years, she chose the latter and safely brought her damaged "Warthog" back to base. You will not want to miss her talk as she recounts those terrifying moments.

Award Program Speaker and Seminar Leader: Rod Machado, a professional speaker who travels across the US and Europe, delighting his listeners with upbeat and lively presentations, will speak immediately prior to the Award's Program Wednesday morning. His unusual talent for simplifying the difficult and adding humor to make the lessons stick has him a popular speaker both in and out of aviation. Later on Wednesday afternoon, Rod will lead a seminar on "Defensive Flying." If you have never heard him speak, you are in for a treat. If you have heard him speak, you will be there!

General Assembly: Driver of Civil Air Patrol's #46 car in the NASCAR Busch Grand National Series, Ashton Lewis, Jr. will speak to the membership on Tuesday morning during the General Assembly. Ashton will share with the group what having CAP as a sponsor for the past two years has meant to him. He has been an outstanding representative for CAP – especially among the youth of America. He will be with us for the entire conference, so you will want to make sure to meet this young man – a future star in auto racing!

SEMINARS – SEMINARS – SEMINARS!

This year promises to be the best ever for educational and training opportunities!

MORE and BETTER are the key words. Attendees will be given material in the seminars to take home and share with their fellow members, gain insight into new programs, be better prepared to serve your communities, and be given the opportunity to share your thoughts and concerns. There will even be a session with CAP's executive director, Col Al Allenback. This will include an update on the transformation of National HQ, accomplishments over the past several months and plans for the future, plus a Q and A session. Other seminars will include information on the latest technology CAP is purchasing for our new homeland security missions; current E-services available to our members and future plans in E-services; media training for leadership and PAOs; as well as, updates and seminars from cadet programs, membership services, leadership development, safety, operations, finance and our general counsel...almost 70 seminars in all.

You are guaranteed to leave Las Vegas better educated and ready to face the challenges of the future that face our great organization!

EXHIBIT HALL

The exhibit hall will have more booths, more vendors and more products than in year's past. Now that CAP's depot no longer exists, we have invited many vendors to exhibit who in the past would not have been interested. Come see what they have to offer you. In addition, representatives from CAP's new partnering companies will be there, such as ExxonMobil, GE Financial and Aviation Week. Lunch will be served at no cost each day in the exhibit hall.

HOTEL

The beautiful MGM Grand is our host hotel this year. All activities will take place in the hotel conference center. It is important for the attendees to register under the Civil Air Patrol group name at the MGM. CAP is able to secure no cost or low cost meeting space based upon the number of hotel rooms used by our group. This allows us to keep the conference registration at a reasonable rate. Please encourage members in your wing to use the MGM Grand. Please emphasize to your members the importance of staying at the MGM. They may make their reservations by calling 877-313-5757 prior to 24 July.

Schedule at-a-glance:

Sunday, 24 August

Exhibit Hall set up: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Registration Open: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
NEC Special Meeting: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Monday, 25 August

National Board Meeting: 8:00 AM –5:00 PM
Exhibit Hall Open: 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Communication Managers Meeting: Noon – 8:00 PM
Conference Opening Reception: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Tuesday, 26 August

General Assembly: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Exhibit Hall Open: 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Seminars at 10:30 AM; 1:30 PM; and 3:30 PM
Lunch served in Exhibit Hall at Noon
First Time Attendees Reception: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, 27 August

CAP Recognition Ceremony: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Exhibit Hall Open: 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM
Seminars at 10:30 AM; 1:30 PM; and 3:30 PM
Lunch served in Exhibit Hall at Noon
National Commander's Reception: 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM
CAP Banquet: 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM

PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS IN YOUR WING!

**SEE YOU IN LAS VEGAS AS WE CELEBRATE
A CENTURY OF FLIGHT TOGETHER!**